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1. The Yugoslav Air Force is divided into two operational groups, the first having headquarters at Skoplje, and the second at Zagreb. Each group is composed of three aerial divisions which in turn are composed of three regiments each.
2. The 1st Aerial Division, which is equipped with about 100 planes, comprises the following:
 

Headquarters	Skoplje
111th Regiment	Equipped with about 30 YAK type planes and two U-2 types
421st Regiment	Nis
554th Regiment	Arrived in Yugoslavia from Russia in July 1945. Equipped with about 30 Stormovik (IL-2) planes.
3. The 422nd Regiment, formerly based at the Cerklje airfield, has now been transferred to the Velika Gorica field.
4. On 2 May a glider course was begun at Vrsac, near Belgrade, for students coming from Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The same course was started at Rahniza (Dolenjsko, near Novo Mesto) for students coming from Slovenia, Croatia, and Montenegro. These students will also get training in the use of arms. A glider course for both civilian and military personnel is being given at Gornja Radgona, north of Maribor. There are about 15 gliders there, among which are two of the Czechoslovakian two-seaters with closed cabin. The JASTREB-1 type gliders are being constructed at the factory of Ing. Mraz at Chocanj in Bohemia.
5. At Mostar the airfield has been completely reconstructed and modernized. In 1946 it was equipped with runways of 1800 x 50 meters and 1700 x 40 meters, a 12-place cement parking apron, a new hangar, and gasoline storage basins of 1,200,000 liter capacity. The principal drawback of this field is the fact that its length (and, therefore, the runways) do not lie in the direction of the prevailing winds, making it necessary for planes to land cross-wind.
6. At the Cerklje (Skopice) airfield construction of a hangar of wood and sheet metal is being completed, and also of a two story stone building for the housing of offices, mess, and lodgings for airfield officials. This field has been placed at the complete disposition of the Russians, and as of 30 April the following Russian personnel were on duty at the field: 22 Russian air officers commanded by Ukrainian Major Balnikov, 60 mechanics and other technicians, and 10 pilots. On the same date, there were eight Russian planes:

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Three YAK-11 - fighters armed with two 12.7mm MGs and one 37mm gun  
Two YAK-7B - fighters armed with two 12.7mm MGs and one 120mm gun  
Two U7-2 - training and liaison planes  
One PO-2 - training plane  
(For further reference compare: [redacted] Skopice (Cerklje) Airfield, 50X1-HUM  
of 17 April 1947).

7. A large quantity of war material has arrived at Pancevo via the Danube from the Russian zone in Germany. It was transported to the warehouses at Zemun and Nis and consists of motors, spare parts, accessories, propellers, etc., of Junkers, Siebel Flugzeugwerke, and Heinkel construction. There are numerous Russian technicians and engineers at these plants studying the latest types of jet planes made by the Germans, namely: Junker EF 130, a four-motor bomber, and Junker EF 128, a single-motor fighter.

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